

Matthew

1. Means: "Gift of God" - also see "Levi" (9:9) 2. Crossroads Verses: **Matthew 5:17**
3. Who wrote Matthew: **Matthew** When: **50 AD** No. of Chapters **28** Type of Lit: **Narrative**

4. Timeline of Biblical Events

Creation 4000 BC	Job/Abraham 2100 BC	Moses 1400 BC	David 1000 BC	Israel fall 722	Judah fall 606 70 yrs	Temple 536	Matthew 400	CHRIST 05 BC-28 AD	Jerusalem Fall 70 AD	Revelation 90s AD
(empires) Sumer / Egypt				Assyria 900	Babylon 612	Media-Persia 536	Greece / Rome 312 ▼ 63 BC	} Daniel 2:38-45, 7:3-28		
(emperors) Sargon / Hammurabi					Buddha / Confucius	Alexander / Maccabees (332-176 BC)				

5. What was happening when Matthew was written? It is clear the gospel was written prior to the destruction of the temple and the city of Jerusalem. Rome was in political power through the Herodian dynasty and finally Pilate; Jewish religious life was strictly regulated by the Pharisaic leadership.

6. What issues does Matthew raise? The one aim pervading the book is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah — he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write" — and that in him the ancient prophecies had their fulfillment. This book is full of allusions to passages of the Old Testament which the book interprets as predicting and foreshadowing Jesus' life and mission. This Gospel contains no fewer than sixty-five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels. The main feature of this Gospel may be expressed in the motto "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17).

7. What are the themes or doctrines of Matthew? Jesus as Messiah, the King of the Jews. The genealogy of Christ documents Christ's credentials as Israel's King. Matthew demonstrates that Christ is heir to the kingly line and fulfillment of dozens of OT prophecies. He offers evidence that establishes Christ's prerogative for which all other historical and theological themes in the book revolve.

8. Outline of Matthew (from The MacArthur Study Bible; Word Bibles; pp 1391 & 1392)

1. (Prologue) The King's Advent (1:1- 4:25)
2. The King's Authority (5:1- 9:38)
3. The King's Agenda (10:1- 12:50)
4. The King's Adversaries (13:1- 52)
5. The King's Administration (18:1- 23:39)
6. The King's Atonement (24:1- 28:15)
7. (Epilogue) The King's Assignment (28:16- 20)

9. What passage captures the central idea of Matthew? **Matthew 15:17- 20** - Jesus fulfills the Law

10. Why do you think God put Matthew in the Bible? **Matthew was a Jewish tax-collector hated by the Jews, but who loved Jesus and accepted Him as the Messiah of Israel. This is an eyewitness account by a Jew and written to Jews to point Jewish people to the Messiah.**

11. **Who is JESUS in Matthew?** Jesus is the King of the Jews, Israel's long prophesied Messiah

12. What application from Matthew can I make to my life? **Matthew 18:1- 6** A call for child-like faith.

13. What prayer should I pray? **"Even so come quickly Lord Jesus!"**

14. What action should I take? **Be "kingdom" minded and fulfill the Great Commission (28:18-20)**

15. What sin should I avoid? **Rejection of the Messiah and not being prepared at His coming.**

16. Who can I help from Matthew? **Jewish people** How? **Matthew is a Jew who gives an eyewitness account of Jesus fulfilling the OT prophecies of Israel's Messiah.**

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